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TAGS: EAGR, GT

SUBJECT: BLACK BEANS POSSIBLE ORIGINATING IN COFFEE RUST AREA

1. VICE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE JUAN ROHRMANN CAME TO EMBASSY TODAY, 9/10, TO ASK IF USDA/APHIS WOULD PERMIT 5,000 METRIC TONS OF BLACK BEANS TO LAND U.S. PORT IF BEANS ORIGINATED IN BRAZIL WHERE COFFEE RUST EXISTS. AGATT SAID HE KNEW OF NO REPEAT NO OBJECTION BUT WOULD CHECK, AT GOG REQUEST, TO BE SURE CARGO COULD BE OFFERED TO U.S. IMPORTERS.

2. GOG SIGNED CONTRACT LATE 1974 WITH MIAMI EXPORTER FOR 5,000 MT BLACK BEANS. CONTRACT HAS BEEN RESOLD AND TWO SPUPS CARRYING BEANS ARE SCHEDULED TO LAND GUATEMALA PORT SEPT. 20-21. DOCUMENTS SAY BEANS ORIGINATED IN PARAGUAY AND LOADED AT ARGENTINE PORTS. ROHRMANN SUSPECTS BEANS ARE FROM STATE OF PARANA, BRAZIL, AND THEREFORE CANNOT LAND IN GUATEMALA. 1971 LAW PROHIBITS IMPORTATION VEGETABLE PRODUCTS, ETC., AND PACKING MATERIAL FROM COFFEE RUST COUNTRIES INCLUDING BRAZIL.

3. GOG EXPECTS TO TAKE MONEY LOSS IN BEAN SALE BUT WILL TRY TO QUIET POLITICAL CRITICISM BY CALLING IT MOVE TO PROTECT DOMESTIC COFFEE INDUSTRY. BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO CLOSE DEAL WITH US IMPORTERS, WANTS ASSURANCE US WILL ACCEPT BEAN CARGO. TIME PRESSURE EXISTS, SO EMBASSY APPRECIATE

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